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# County Wrestling Tournery Opens Tonight



John's Journal  
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**Wildcats Have Chance**  
Westmoreland County Wrestling Tournament opens at 6 o'clock tonight at Hempfield Area and the Greensburg-Schen Golden Lions will be defending the championship they won last year. However, their chances of retaining the title don't appear too good—Norwin is rated the favorite.

This will be the 11th year for the tournament and Creed Westfall's Latrobe Wildcats have won the team championship eight times. Greensburg, with two team victories, is the only other school to rep the honors.

Although Latrobe is not considered a serious contender for the team title this year, several Wildcat wrestlers should make it to the finals. Going out on a limb, this corner would like to predict that Cliff Benson (88), Tom Wadsworth (100), Tom Bell (127), Jim Jones (140) and Joe Johnson (unlimited) will make it into the finals.

From that quartet of finalists, this corner expects three to win championships.

**Must For Mounties**  
Ligonier's Mounties will be looking for revenge to night when they visit East Huntingdon. Dick McHenry's crew still has little aspirations—claim as they may—of a victory over the Bulldogs is a must if they hope to stay in the Section 17 race. Roundball Rollie feels the Mounties, behind the high-scoring antics of Bob Giner, should win by 15.

Second-place Scituate also is fighting to stay in the race and the Scituate visit Dunbar tonight. The States of Beas Crawford came up with their first win Friday, but Rollie looks for the Scituate to finish on top by 15.

Scituate visits South Huntingdon tonight and the game should end up, according to Rollie, with the Lions ahead by 15.

League-leading Perryopolis visit West Newton, and once the Commodore get accustomed to the poor lighting, they probably will find the range often enough to win by 15.

Former Mt. Pleasant star Bill Stahl had 29 points for Westburg Tuesday as the Yellow Jackets scored an impressive, 88-71, victory over Frostburg State.

Allegheny Mountain Association (AMA) will hold a swimming meet for boys and girls up to 17 years of age in the Duquesne High School pool on Feb. 15. The meet starts at 11 a.m. and is sponsored by the Duquesne Dolphins Parents Association and Dolphins Swimming Team. Entries must be filed by Feb. 6 with Mrs. Frances Masley, 112 Avonlea St., Duquesne.

**Locals Doing Well**  
Moss's Pharmacy is leading the National Division of Westmoreland County Recreation Ten Pin League with a 45-12 record and The Hub is second with a 35-22 chart. In the Classic Division Penn Furniture holds down third with a 35-28 record while Touchdown Club is third in the Federal Division with a 35-29 chart.

**Sunday is Groundhog Day** and the old feud between Greentown in Lancaster County and Panamint in Jefferson County will begin anew. The old battle of the official "groundhog" town will be argued back-and-forth this year, and probably for many years to come, but it is doubtful that either one ever will give in.

Blackie Walt of New Alexandria became a father for the second time yesterday afternoon when his wife Lu, gave birth to a son in Westmoreland Hospital. The new addition, weighing in at eight pounds, six ounces, will be named David Jay.

With another month to feed, Blackie probably will be tougher than ever for other drivers to stop on the local racing circuit this season.

**Return Engagement**

## Rams Will Host Crushers Tonight

The Laurel Valley Rams, with their record now at 11-3, will try to present itself, the Crushers take a crack at Johnston City, and will have to look up McLean when they meet at 8 o'clock tonight on the "Rams" terms of three years and play hard.

The Crushers, under the leadership of Larry Lott, will have a definite disadvantage against the Rams.

The latest of the Crushers is senior Dave Stutz. 6-4 and 160 lbs. Stutz, who will be joined by Larry Kowalski, 6-4 and 160 lbs. and Bill Friedman, 6-2, will probably have a tough time getting very many rebounds.

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Latrobe Wrestling Team

LATROBE'S WILDCATS go after their ninth team title in 11 years tonight when the Westmoreland County Wrestling Tournament opens at Hempfield Area High School. Representing Creed Westfall's team in the tournament will be Cliff Benson (88), John Metarko (90), Tom Wadsworth (100), Tony Kotschick (112), Sam Agosti (126) and Tom Bell (127). Back row—Terry Samene (133), John Wollam (138), Larry Miller (140), Jim Jones (150), Greg Sarady (150) and Joe Johnson (unlimited).

Win Streak Ends

## Okonak Tire Dumps Trauger

Jim Trauger was a one-man gey, for Okonak Tire last night as his team handed previously unbeaten Trauger a 60-47 defeat in Latrobe Independent Industrial Basketball League.

The former Indiana State College star had a field day as he poured through 38 points on 13 field goals and a dozen free throws. Dave Berkery joined him in double figures with 10 points.

Jack Busch and Steve Derry took scoring honors for Trauger with 22 apiece.

In other games Derry Utes trailed back, Seattle Sea, 34-22, and Stanley's rumped over La-robe Sea, 45-26.

Stall in First  
Despite suffering its first defeat, Trauger still leads the league with a 4-1 record. Latrobe Merchants, late last night, scored with a 42-20, followed by Okonak Tire and Seattle's 42-20.

Trauger went ahead, 14-11, in the first quarter last night, but Okonak came back to force a shoot-out, 20-21, in the second quarter. The victory added to their margin in the third quarter and led, 42-20, going into the final period. A 71-44 advantage in the last quarter gave Okonak its 15-point victory margin.

Larry Smith, Dave Smith and Paul Dando paced Derry Utes to its victory over Seattle. Jim Larry Smith had 17, Dave Smith had 12 and Dando had 11. High man for Seattle was Russ Shaw with 15.

**Easy Victory**  
Stanley's rolled up scoring advantages in every quarter to hand Latrobe the losing 40-20.

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**Norwin Downs**  
Cokers 76-58

Norwin, waiting for Jeannette's fall, won its seventh game in eight last night, downing Conestoga, 76-58.

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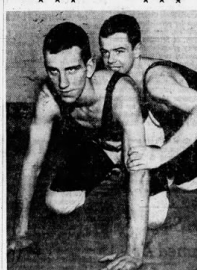
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TOM BELL (127) and Tom Wadsworth (100) got in last-minute practice session before the start of the Westmoreland County Wrestling Tournament. Bell has won the county championship three times—at 85, 100 and 120. Wadsworth is a two-time champion—at 85 and 95. (Bulletin Photo)

**Visit Indiana**  
The Bobcats have an opportunity to win the Indiana County League, but Blairsville is taking tonight's game in anything but a light frame of mind.

Although Indiana doesn't play the Indiana County League, a game rivalry has developed between the two teams through the years.

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## Bell, Wadsworth Lead Wildcats In Title Quest

Seven 1963 Westmoreland County champions will be in the field of 78 wrestlers entered in the county tournament that opens at 6 p.m. today in Hempfield Area High School gymnasium. Two of the former champions are from Latrobe.

Tom Bell (127) and Tom Wadsworth (100) of Latrobe are the only two in the tournament who have more than one championship to their credit. Bell is a three-time champ, first winning a title in 1961 at 88 pounds. The next year he copied the honors at 100 pounds and last year he won the championship at 120.

Wadsworth won the title at 95 in 1962 and 1963. In a first-round match, Sam Agosti (120) faced second-seeded Duane Trip of Norwin. Bell goes into action in the first round against Mark Deaton of Jeannette.

A first-round match at 133 pounds Terry Samene against Fred Hough of Norwin, second-seeded in that class. John Williams (130) will wrestle a first-round match with Raymond Smith of Hempfield, second-seeded in that class.

**Draws Be**  
Larry Miller (140) drew a first-round bye, but he will be facing other top-rated John Abraham or Chad Hanna of New Kensington in the semi-finals. Rich Foster (154) also has a bye in the first round and will face in a semi-final match either Ed Scholte of New Kensington or John Joseph of Norwin.

**Unlikely Return**  
No less than eight of the wrestlers in 1963 will be back for titles they missed last year. Of that group, four will be in the same weight class as last year.

That Bartlett (180) of Hempfield, Jim Koster (133) of Greensburg, John Joseph (154) of Norwin and Keith Clark (140) of Greensburg in a first-round match.

Johnson, as top-seeded heavyweight, will go against Cal Gephart of Jeannette in a first-round bout.

Wadsworth was the champion last year in the 100-pound class. He will be facing a first-round match tonight. Larry Hough of Norwin, in that championship match last year, Wadsworth had an easy time, getting a 10-0 victory.

**TURTLE NECKS**  
IN BLACK AND WHITE

Wadsworth meets Larry Hough of Norwin in the first match and Tony Kotschick (112) has a first-round bye. He will meet the winner of a match between Bob Foster of Norwin.

**Ski Report**

Blue Knob: 4-1/2 inch base, gradual slopes. Up & over slopes fair to good. All lifts operating.

Laurel Mountain: Zero to 1/2 inch packed base, 5-10 inch powder. Steep, packing slopes. Skiing good.

Seven Springs: Zero to 1/2 inch base, 4-6 inches powder. Chair lifts and Poma line operating. Skiing good.

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